GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN PMGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received reports regarding diversion of funds, non- compliance of tendering process and unreliable monitoring in the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY);

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years, State-wise; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT(SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL)

(a): The Report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (Report No.13 of 2006), which is based on test check of records for the period from 2000 - 2005, has been received in the Ministry. In the report, some instances of diversion of funds, non-compliance of tendering process and unreliable monitoring in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been mentioned.

(b): Some instances of diversion of funds has been reported in respect of the implementation of PMGSY in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Nagaland, Orissa, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and West Bengal, non-compliance of tendering process in Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and unreliable monitoring in Andhra Pradesh, Meghalaya, Punjab, Rajasthan and West Bengal.

(c): The corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard are as under:-

i) Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala & Tamil Nadu have been advised to fix responsibility for using PMGSY funds for activities not permitted as per the Programme Guidelines.

ii) The fund flow/utilization is being regularly monitored.

iii) The States have been advised to strictly follow the provisions of the Standard Bidding Process.

iv) The States have been advised to strengthen the quality control mechanism.

v) The implementation of the programme is being regularly reviewed/monitored.